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knowledge of Starry operation on the mind and body of man, be entitled to equal estimation and applause? Nay, why does it not possess superior claims to notice and veneration? And why not become the inseparable objects of contemplation and study, wherein the power and glory of God might be wonderfully manifested? And in the words of the immortal Ptolemy: "What therefore hinders, but that he who exquisitely knows the motion of the Stars, and of the Sun and Moon, and who is not ignorant of the Trines, nor of the Place, nor any of the Aspects; and is farther well skilled in their natures,—what, I say, hinders any man, thus furnished, from knowing, both naturally and suitably, the effects of all these mixed together?"

What wonder, then, that we a science scan,
Which, tracing nature, analyses man;
Whether we view him placed in joy or woe;
Whether trace earth, or search her depths below;
Whether we contemplate the glorious Sun,
The circling planets, or the changeful Moon;
Whether the elements in mildest form,
Or in the horrors of the roaring storm,—
In all, th' Almighty Architect we mark,
Clear, though mysterious, luminous, though dark!

That the faculty of prescience and fore-knowledge does exist, and is attainable by an ordinary degree of scientific acquirements, may be sufficiently proved by a reference to our pages, where the sceptic in these heavenly sciences may find the record of many extraordinary and remarkable predictions, that gild the present volume with a resplendent lustre, calculated to convince the most perfect unbeliever in these sublime truths, who is open to the slightest conviction. Indeed, we may well affirm, and without any fear of contradiction, that in no other author, nor in any other volume, which the wisdom of our ancestors hath bequeathed to us, can be found so many singular and demonstrable instances of the perfection to which the Astral Science may arrive, by the united labours of skilful Students.

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